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In re Patent Application of)
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For: ROOF STEP SYSTEM)

AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Office Action dated December 10, 2003, having a three-month shortened statutory response period and for which three (3) additional months have been petitioned, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning on Page 7, line 18, as follows:

The step 130 includes a base 132 having a width W. The width W is chosen to prevent the step 130 from tipping over when used as a toehold/slide guard. In preferred embodiments, the width W is approximately 8 inches. The width W of the connecting material is approximately 10 inches to approximately 30 inches wide. More preferably still, the step 130 may be comprised of an textured plastic, which has been shown to provide surprisingly good traction, especially when sneakers are worn.

